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SUBJECT: KENYAN ARMS ASSISTANCE DELEGATION TO U.S.

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1. GOK HAS JUST INFORMED EMBASSY THAT IT WOULD LIKE TO SEND MILITARY ASSISTANCE DELEGATION TO U.S. DURING WORKING WEEK FEBRUARY 17 THROUGH 20 (AFTER WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY) IF APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE USG OFFICIALS CAN BE ARRANGED DURING THAT TIME FRAME. GOK DELEGATION WOULD CONSIST OF DEFENCE MINISTRY PERMSEC KIEREINI, FINANCE MINISTRY PERMSEC NG'ANG'A, MOD CHIEF OF STAFF BRIGADIER KAKENYI, AND AIR FORCE CHIEF COLONEL GICHURU.

2. I HAVE MADE CLEAR TO GOK VARIOUS CAVEATS AND PROBLEMS SET FORTH IN REFTEL. IF TIMING PROPOSED BY GOK SUITABLE, WE WILL AGAIN CAUTION KENYANS NOT TO EXPECT TOO MUCH. IN MEANTIME IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO RECEIVE WASHINGTON RESPONSE TO GOK SHOPPING LIST. WHILE I REALIZE THAT THIS SHOPPING LIST FAR EXCEEDS U.S. FINANCIAL CAPABILITIES AND THAT GOK WILL HAVE TO BE SO INFORMED, I WOULD HOPE
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THAT WE COULD AT SAME TIME HIT A MORE POSITIVE NOTE INSO-FAR AS TRAINING IS CONCERNED BY APPROVING MY RECOMMENDATION FOR PILOT TRAINING PER REF B.

3. WHILE I WOULD NORMALLY WANT TO BE IN WASHINGTON DURING VISIT OF SUCH IMPORTANT GOK DELEGATION, LONG STANDING COMMITMENTS I HAVE MADE TO BE IN MOMBASA THAT WEEK AND FACT THAT I WAS IN WASHINGTON ON CONSULTATIONS LAST YEAR LEAD ME TO RECOMMEND STRONGLY THAT DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE DCM RALPH LINDSTROM TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK TDY IN ORDER THAT HE MAY ATTEND MEETINGS WITH DELEGATION AND OTHERWISE ASSIST. LINDSTROM HAS KNOWN ALL MEMBERS OF GOK DELEGATION FOR THREE YEARS AND HAS BEEN INVOLVED FROM BEGINNING IN ALL PHASES OF OUR MILITARY ASSISTANCE DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM. IF FUNDING APPEARS TO BE PROBLEM FOR DEPARTMENT, EMBASSY WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP.

4. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.
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